

**To: Idaho District LEP Directors and Testing Coordinators**  
**Re: 2013 AMAO Updates Based on 2012 Revision**  
**Date: March 7, 2014**

On February 25, 2014, Dr. TJ Bliss, Idaho State Dept. of Education's Director of Assessment and Accountability, sent out an email communication (see first attachment) in regards to an AMO Target Revision in the ESEA Flexibility Waiver. Because AMAO 3 is determined by the state's AMO target for the LEP subgroup, this revision has affected district AMAOs, as well. While the 2013 AMAO calculations, sent out to districts on February 10, 2014, are accurate, the recent update has caused a recalculation in AMOs for 2012, thus causing an update to the 2012 AMAO 3.

The original AMO targets included in Idaho's approved ESEA Waiver were inadvertently based on the 2011-2012 school year data instead of the 2010-2011 school year. With the recent AMO targets update, to the baseline year of 2010-2011, indexing no longer applies to the 2012 AMOs; which in turn, has caused the change to AMAO 3 calculations, for 2012.

Upon reviewing the new district percentages for AMAO 3, for 2012, in relation to the new targets, it has been determined that multiple districts have now met AMAOs for 2012; thus, resetting their Title III district improvement status. Overall, this change either benefited districts or improvement status remained the same. Regardless of updated percentages and targets, if a district met AMAOs under the old calculations, they also met AMAOs under the new calculations.

Attached, you will find two updated spreadsheets for both the 2012 and 2013 AMAOs. This information can also be found on the Idaho State Department of Education's website at <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/IELA/scoreReports.htm>

For more information on the AMAO/AMO calculations, please attend Dr. Christina Nava's webinar, *Update on Title III AMAO/AMO Calculations*, on Friday, March 14, 2014, from 1:00 – 2:00 PM, MST. To register, please visit <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/483731590>.

Thank you,

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